

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (*Currently Amended*) A lighting and safety [[unit]] system for a trailer hitch, comprising:

[[a)] a crossbar of unitary construction having first and second ends and a longitudinal center;

[[b)] a mounting bar perpendicularly attached to the longitudinal center of said crossbar;

an accessory mounting post attached to said mounting bar, said accessory post extending perpendicular to a plane in which said crossbar and said mounting bar are disposed;

an elevated lighting assembly including:

(a) a lighting assembly post having the lower end removably mounted to said accessory mounting post and an upper end vertically extending substantially beyond the lower end;

(b) an accessory crossbar having first and second ends and a longitudinal center, said accessory crossbar being perpendicularly disposed on the upper end of said lighting accessory post; and

(c) a lamp assembly disposed on the first and the second ends of said accessory crossbar;

[[c)] a lamp assembly disposed on each of said first and second ends of said crossbar; and

[[d)] a wiring harness in electrical communication with each of said lamp assemblies.

Claims 2-5. (*Canceled*)

Claim 6. (*Currently Amended*) The lighting and safety [[unit]] system for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, further comprising a tow hook attached to said mounting bar.

Claim 7. (*Currently Amended*) The lighting and safety [[unit]] system for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, wherein each said lamp assembly further comprises:

(a) a mounting bracket; and

(b) a lamp pivotally mounted to said mounting bracket such that the lamp may be horizontally and vertically redirected.

Claim 8. (*Currently Amended*) The lighting and safety [[unit]] system for a trailer hitch according to claim 1, further comprising at least one reflector disposed on said [[cross bar]] crossbar.

Claim 9. (*Currently Amended*) The lighting and safety [[unit]] system for a trailer hitch according to claim 8, wherein said at least one reflector consists of a single strip of reflective tape extending substantially between the ends of said [[cross bar]] crossbar.